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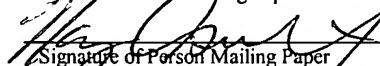
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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449;
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4. Return Post Card.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office.

A listing of the cited documents, as well as, for the Examiner's convenience, copies of all foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed. This application was filed after June 30, 2003, and copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications are not required and are not enclosed.

Pursuant to CFR § 1.97(e)(1), each item contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or International application. Because this statement is being filed within three months of receipt of the Search Report, no fee is believed to be due. A copy of the Search Report is included and cited on the enclosed PTO-1449.

Applicant does not intend to represent that any of the documents submitted herein are material prior art to this invention or that the list represents an exhaustive search of documents related to this invention.

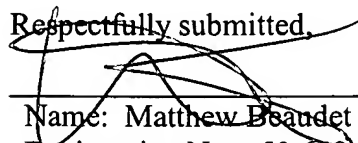
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Patent No.	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (if appropriate)
	1.	5,150,795	Sep. 29, 1992	Nakayama, et al.	209	3.3	
	2.	4,755,874	Jul. 5, 1988	Esrig, et al.	358	106	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	3.	Copy of International Preliminary Examination Report dated September 22, 2004.

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